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I rarely write such letters but the proposed Microsoft settlement enrages me.

For starters the donation of equipment to schools is a cynical ploy to increase market share.

I write this as someone deeply committed to overcoming the digital divide.

But I do not want to do this at the risk of further enhancing the monopolistic practices of Microsoft. To me it is a modern version of B'rer Rabbit saying "Please don't throw me into the briar patch."

I leave to legal authorities to judge my impression that that settlement does nothing to curtail its monopolistic practices in any meaningful way.

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Peace,

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